# Week 3 MY PLATE AND PORTION CONTROL

## > SKILL

Use portion control strategies to reduce calories at meals and snacks

**Objective:** Understand portion control using MyPlate.



## **VEGGIES & FRUIT | MINIMUM 5 SERVINGS PER DAY**

1 serving = 1 full cup raw or cooked 1 hand-sized piece 1 cup dried beans or peas 2 full cups salad greens



#### **PROTEIN | 4-6 OUNCES PER DAY**

Chicken, turkey
Fresh pork, lean ham
Lean hamburger, round steak, roast and brisket
Fish
Shrimp, crab, oysters and crawfish
Dried peas and beans (1 cup)
Eggs
Cottage Cheese, low-fat or fat-free

#### PROTEIN (1/4 plate)

**Start lean.** Remove poultry skin, choose red meat with little fat, and trim visible fat before cooking. Avoid sausage and bacon. Choose ground beef with at least 90% lean.

**Keep it lean.** Bake, broil, or grill. Avoid fried or breaded choices. Prepare beans and vegetables without added meat. Try to include at least 8 ounces of fish every week. Use beans as a protein source one time per week.



#### **GRAINS** | 4 - 5 SERVINGS PER DAY

Pasta
Rice, white or brown
Bread
Oatmeal, grits
Dry cereal, ready to eat
Tortillas
Popcorn

#### **GRAINS** (1/4 of the plate)

What counts as a serving? I slice of bread, I cup of cereal, 1/2 cup pasta, rice, or cooked cereal, 3 cups popcorn

Choose whole grains such as whole-wheat bread and pasta, brown rice, oatmeal, whole-wheat flour as a baking ingredient, whole-grain ready-to-eat cereals and popcorn.

Keep it low fat. Reduce servings of cheese, cream sauce, butter, and gravy.



### **DAIRY\*** | 1-2 SERVINGS PER DAY

Fat-free or skim milk Lactose-free skim milk Soy milk, calcium fortified Fat-free yogurt

#### 1 serving = 1 cup

\*If you do not use dairy, consider taking a calcium supplement. Talk to your healthcare provider about what is best for you.

## Week 3 ASSIGNMENT

- Use the <u>Guide to SMART Food Choices</u>, to measure your daily consumption. How many "red", "yellow," and "green" foods are you consuming?
- Continue to track your food and drink intake in the mobile app and/or the SMART Tracker.